CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**	Dec. '83*	Nov. '83**	Dec. '82**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,000	80,400	77,900	102,900	101,300	98,000	317,900	313,000	306,700
Total Unemployment	4,600	3,900	3,500	6,500	5,600	5,500	12,600	11,400	13,600
Percent Unemployed	5.7	4.9	4.5	6.3	5.5	5.6	4.0	3.6	4.4
Total Employment 2/	76,400	76,500	74,400	96,400	95,700	92,500	305,300	301,600	293,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	183,100	180,000	184,500	88,700	87,100	84,500	53,600	53,200	51,600
Total Unemployment	23,600	21,400	24,300	13,900	12,600	12,800	1,700	1,500	1,900
Percent Unemployed	12.9	11.9	13.2	15.7	14.5	15.1	3.2	2.8	3.7
Total Employment 2/	159,500	158,600	160,200	74,800	74,500	71,700	51,900	51,700	49,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	171,600	170,100	165,400	1,819.2	1,805.0	1,730.2	198,400	195,600	192,800
Total Unemployment	17,000	16,300	13,600	81.8	80.7	90.8	22,400	20,500	22,000
Percent Unemployed	9.9	9.6	8.2	4.5	4.5	5.2	11.3	10.5	11.4
Total Employment 2/	154,600	153,800	151,800	1,737.4	1,724.3	1,639.4	176,000	175,100	170,800
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	92,300	91,900	91,300	1,806.4	1,794.0	1,779.9	75,100	74,400	70,700
Total Unemployment	9,600	9,100	11,400	142.1	138.1	141.0	3,800	3,700	4,000
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	12.5	7.9	7.7	7.9	5.1	5.0	5.7
Total Employment 2/	82,700	82,800	79,900	1,664.3	1,655.9	1,638.9	71,300	70,700	66,700
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,000	39,200	41,300	81,200	79,800	80,400	113,400	113,400	108,000
Total Unemployment	8,800	8,300	9,800	8,500	7,600	9,200	7,900	7,800	4,800
Percent Unemployed	22.0	21.2	23.7	10.5	9.5	11.4	7.0	6.9	4.4
Total Employment 2/	31,200	30,900	31,500	72,700	72,200	71,200	105,500	105,600	103,200
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	121,900	116,600	116,400	70,400	69,300	63,600	75,500	74,700	71,500
Total Unemployment	23,500	21,400	21,300	3,500	3,600	2,900	5,200	5,600	4,800
Percent Unemployed	19.3	18.4	18.3	5.0	5.2	4.6	6.9	7.5	6.7
Total Employment 2/	98,400	95,200	95,100	66,900	65,700	60,700	70,300	69,100	66,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,100	47,300	507,100	502,600	475,900	39,800	39,500	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	2,200	28,400	26,800	27,000	2,800	2,600	3,900
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	4.7	5.6	5.3	5.7	7.0	6.6	9.8
Total Employment 2/	46,000	45,700	45,100	478,700	475,800	448,900	37,000	36,900	36,100
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	52,200	51,400	78,500	76,000	73,900	41,000	40,700	40,900
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,800	4,900	6,000	4,300	4,600	3,300	3,300	3,700
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	9.5	7.6	5.7	6.2	8.0	8.1	9.0
Total Employment 2/	47,300	47,400	46,500	72,500	71,700	69,300	37,700	37,400	37,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	89,000	88,300	85,300	69,000	68,200	66,900	7,741.0	7,673.3	7,495.4
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,400	5,600	3,900	3,700	4,800	549.2	521.5	556.9
Percent Unemployed	5.5	5.0	6.6	5.7	5.4	7.2	7.1	6.8	7.4
Total Employment 2/	84,100	83,900	79,700	65,100	64,500	62,100	7,191.8	7,151.8	6,938.5

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3 In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec.± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Dec.± 1983	Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$373.69	$373.50	$359.16	41.8	41.5	41.0	$ 8.94	$ 9.00	$ 8.76
Durable Goods	369.46	368.87	359.57	41.7	41.4	41.0	8.86	8.91	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	239.01	243.20	237.19	38.8	39.1	39.4	6.16	6.22	6.02
Furniture & Fixtures	230.62	235.01	232.76	38.5	39.3	38.6	5.99	5.98	6.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	361.09	362.71	336.26	43.4	43.7	43.5	8.32	8.30	7.73
Primary Metal Industries	398.16	395.21	403.10	40.3	39.6	38.1	9.88	9.98	10.58
Fabricated Metal Products	376.47	365.72	355.02	42.3	41.0	39.8	8.90	8.92	8.92
Machinery, Exc. Electric	378.81	366.13	369.46	42.9	41.7	41.7	8.83	8.78	8.86
Oil Field Machinery	467.95	436.96	476.67	45.3	42.3	44.3	10.33	10.33	10.76
Elec. & Electroni: Equip.	352.63	377.15	346.00	40.3	41.4	40.0	8.75	9.11	8.65
Transportation Equipment	499.90	500.07	499.40	42.8	42.2	44.0	11.68	11.85	11.35
Aircraft & Parts	504.11	522.44	502.85	41.8	42.2	43.2	12.06	12.38	11.64
Instr. & Related Products	326.40	323.58	311.62	40.8	40.6	39.9	8.00	7.97	7.81
Misc. Mfg. Industries	309.31	309.87	266.90	42.9	42.8	40.5	7.21	7.24	6.59
Nondurable Goods	380.94	380.30	357.06	42.0	41.7	40.9	9.07	9.12	8.73
Food & Kindred Products	317.05	326.66	305.95	42.5	42.7	42.2	7.46	7.65	7.25
Meat Products	288.65	287.37	261.87	42.7	42.7	40.6	6.76	6.73	6.45
Malt Beverages	545.30	647.96	626.84	38.0	43.9	43.5	14.35	14.76	14.41
Textile Mill Products	258.54	263.55	271.49	41.7	42.1	44.8	6.20	6.26	6.06
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	189.14	184.46	172.06	38.6	37.8	36.3	4.90	4.88	4.74
Paper & Allied Products	414.92	425.93	413.71	44.0	44.6	44.2	9.43	9.55	9.36
Printing & Publishing	362.50	350.99	322.62	42.2	41.1	39.2	8.59	8.54	8.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	597.06	599.09	549.44	42.8	43.1	42.2	13.95	13.90	13.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	643.68	609.43	568.38	44.7	43.1	42.8	14.40	14.14	13.28
Petroleum Refining	673.95	635.29	589.58	44.9	43.1	42.6	15.01	14.74	13.84
Leather & Leather Products	215.60	212.37	188.05	38.5	39.4	38.3	5.60	5.39	4.91
Other Nondurable Goods	359.39	379.31	361.40	43.3	43.3	43.7	8.30	8.76	8.27
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	476.84	485.76	465.23	44.9	46.0	45.3	10.62	10.56	10.27
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.98	488.98	467.17	44.9	46.0	45.4	10.69	10.63	10.29
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	373.15	373.69	415.15	43.9	44.7	43.7	8.50	8.36	9.50
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	415.64	432.45	390.53	38.7	39.1	38.4	10.74	11.06	10.17
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.54	427.14	407.38	42.3	42.0	41.4	10.32	10.17	9.84
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.58	234.60	228.01	34.9	34.5	34.6	6.75	6.80	6.59
Wholesale Trade	361.34	359.39	342.54	40.6	40.2	39.6	8.90	8.94	8.65
Retail Trade	188.03	186.69	184.43	32.7	32.3	32.7	5.75	5.78	5.64
General Mdse. Stores	168.33	163.10	172.92	31.0	29.6	33.0	5.43	5.51	5.24
Banking	235.48	232.04	231.42	37.2	36.6	38.0	6.33	6.34	6.09

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	370.60	370.12	353.33	41.5	41.4	40.8	8.93	8.94	8.66
Durable Goods	392.50	388.75	372.91	41.8	41.4	40.8	9.39	9.39	9.14
Nondurable Goods	321.88	326.30	312.07	40.9	41.2	40.9	7.87	7.92	7.63
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	480.25	438.96	438.90	44.1	42.7	42.0	10.89	10.28	10.45
Durable Goods	432.99	411.28	403.19	44.5	42.4	41.1	9.73	9.70	9.81
Nondurable Goods	556.34	481.60	499.10	43.6	43.0	43.4	12.76	11.20	11.50
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	279.89	282.49	263.74	41.1	41.3	40.7	6.81	6.84	6.48
Durable Goods	294.03	301.76	280.44	40.5	41.0	41.0	7.26	7.36	6.84
Nondurable Goods	266.46	263.96	247.65	41.7	41.7	40.4	6.39	6.33	6.13

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift Work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Services dropped 1,200 jobs from November to December, with much of the loss centered in hotels and other lodging places. The other decrease occurred in educational services, as some schools closed for the Holidays. Small gains in amusement, including motion pictures, and in health services were not sufficient to offset the larger declines.

Manufacturing continued its upward trend for the fifth consecutive month, adding 5,300 new jobs over the month. More than two-thirds of the gain in December was concentrated in durable goods, which rose by 3,900. The most impressive monthly increase occurred in electric and electronic equipment, which increased by 2,200 jobs as business improved. Another sizeable advance was registered in nonelectrical machinery, where the oil field machinery sector posted increases and cold weather generated demand for heating equipment, for a total growth of 1,800.

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Elsewhere in durable goods, furniture and fixtures posted a minimal gain, as did primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and instruments and related products. Scattered decreases occurred in fabricated metal products. Further losses were sustained in industries related to construction, as stone, clay and glass products dropped 300 jobs over the month and lumber and wood products lost 100.

Nondurable goods contributed 1,400 additional jobs, with the majority of the growth occurring in food and kindred products. This segment was boosted not only by Holiday increases in bakery products but also by seasonal advances in preserved fruits and vegetables. The Holidays also generated increased business in paper and allied products, as demand for greeting cards and wrapping paper peaked. More modest gains were reported in textile mill products and in printing and publishing. Chemicals recorded the largest downturn among nondurable goods sectors, dropping 400 jobs over the month. There were 723,400 manufacturing production workers in December 1983 compared to 719,700 in November and 722,500 a year earlier.

HOURS UP, EARNINGS DECLINE

The average manufacturing production worker in Texas was working 41.8 hours per week at $8.94 per week and averaging $373.69 per week in December. Weekly earnings rose by 19¢ despite a 6¢ drop in average hourly earnings over the month, as the number of hours worked rose by 0.3 hour. Compared to a year earlier, the December 1983 hours were up 0.8 hour and average hourly earnings had risen by 18¢, bringing the average weekly earnings figure up by $14.53 over the year.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1982
Total Population	16,067,100	15,511,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.0
UI Covered Employers	295,468	287,807
Total Claims Actions	577,158	959,656
Total Initial Claims Actions	72,564	92,734
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	504,594	866,922
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.35	$130.70
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$61,885,658	$104,004,234
Total Placements	30,577	28,838

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.